

NEBRASKA HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM



Nebraska Statewide Trauma System Designation/Consultation – Additional Application Instructions

Enclosed in this packet is a copy of the Nebraska State wide Trauma System Regulations, which will provide complete details about the trauma system. Please see pages 18-26 of the enclosed regulations that will inform you about what criteria is required for each level trauma center, i.e., basic, general, advanced and comprehensive. Also, enclosed is a form entitled, "Trauma Centers-Levels of Designation" this form will provide you with a basic overview of the role of each level trauma center.

Enclosed is an application form to request state designation or consultation as one of the four trauma center levels appropriate to your hospital: a basic, general, advanced or comprehensive trauma center as outlined in the enclosed regulations.

To apply for state designation or consultation you simply need to fill out the form and submit it to the EMS/Trauma Program (address listed in the cover letter). The vast majority of hospitals in the state of Nebraska will apply to be either a basic or general trauma center. There is no charge to the hospital for applying for or for being designated by the state as a general or basic trauma center.

Please choose one of the following following options:

Option 1 – Apply for Consultation

At the top of the application, you may simply indicate that more information is necessary prior to submission of the application and submit the form to the Department. Please check the box marked, "Consultation" and provide a contact name and phone number (Section B). If consultation is requested (it's anticipated that most hospitals will request a consultation), the Department will call the contact person listed on the application form and schedule an appointment for a consultation team to come to your hospital. Please complete Sections A-C to the best of your knowledge, submit the incomplete application. *Section D does not need to be completed at this time if you are requesting a consultation.*

Option 2 Apply for Designation

Instructions for completing the application is listed in the application narrative (pages 2-4 directly following the application). Please follow the instructions in the narrative to complete the application. Please do not leave any boxes on the application blank.

Boxes left blank on the application form will be interpreted as an incomplete application. If a box does not apply, please indicate "none".

Questions?

We anticipate that there will be many questions regarding the Trauma System and its implementation. To help with these questions, all interested hospital may apply for consultation rather than initially applying for designation as a trauma center by marking the appropriate box on the application form as stated in these instructions.

If a request for consultation is selected, the regional directors, regional nurse trauma coordinators, board members or state representative(s), may be in contact with the hospital. Initial assistance may be provided by phone, fax or e-mail. Subsequent onsite consultation visit(s) will be provided to help all parties become familiar with the state trauma system and its goals, to answer questions, and to assist with completing application forms, questionnaires, etc.